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Westminster, March 12.

THIS Day, the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by Virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, impowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, the Lord President of the Council, and several other Lords therein mentioned, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising a certain Sum of Money by Way of Annuities, and for establishing a Lottery.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

An Act for further continuing an Act, made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for allowing the Importation of fine Organzined Italian Thrown Silk, in any Ships or Vessels, for a limited Time.

An Act for keeping the Militia Forces of this Kingdom compleat, during the Time therein mentioned.

An Act to continue the Term of an Act, made in the Twenty fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, for repairing and widening the Road from Preston to Lancaster, and from thence to a Place called Heiring Syke, that divides the Counties of Lancaster and Westmorland.

An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty, for more effectually amending several Roads leading from the Borough of Truro in the County of Cornwall, to the Roads leading from Shortlane's-end in the Parish of Kenwyn to Callestock Burrow, and from the Two Burrows in the said Parish to Perran's Alms House, and from the Three Burrows in the said Parish to Saint Agnes Alms House in the said County.

An Act to confirm and carry into Execution certain Articles of Agreement entered into between the Right Honourable James Earl of Salisbury and the Trustees appointed by and under several Acts of Parliament, for repairing the Road leading from Galley Corner adjoining to Enfield Chase, in the Parish of South Mimms in the County of Middlesex, to Lemsford Mills in the County of Hertford; and for turning and altering the said Road in the Manner mentioned in the said Agreement.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act, passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing and amending the Road leading from White Cross in the Parish of Leven in Holderness, in the East Riding of the County of York, to the Town of Beverley in the same County.

And to Three Private Bills.

Admiralty-Office, March 12, 1782.

THIS Morning Captain Henry Edwin Stanhope, late of His Majesty's Ship the Russel, arrived here from Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood, Bart. with a Letter to Mr. Stephens, dated Barfleur, Baie-Verte Road, the 7th of last Month, of which the following is an Extract:

THE Design of the Count de Grasse was most undoubtedly against Barbadoes, could he have got to Windward; but, failing of that, owing to strong Easterly Winds, and a Lee Current, he bent his Course to this Island.

The Moment his Views were made known to me, I quitted Carlisle Bay, and got off English Harbour, with all the Haste in my Power; where I could only hear of a formidable Attack being made upon St. Christopher's, without any certain Information either of the Enemy's Sea or Land Force. I anchored in St. John's Road, and the Prudent having joined me, I sailed on the 23d in the Evening with 22 Sail of the Line, and was close off the South East End of Nevis, at Day-Light next Morning, when I directed the Squadron to be formed in Order of Battle with a Design of attacking the Enemy at Anchor, if I saw it practicable to any Advantage; but the Signal for the Line a-head was no sooner thrown out than Rear-Admiral Drake made *that* for speaking with me, and brought to; I did the same, and soon learnt he only repeated the Signal of the Alfred in the Rear; and that that Ship had run on board the Nymphe, and almost cut her asunder. I was reported to me, each had received so much Damage as to be unable to keep the Sea. I immediately ordered a Survey on both, and was happy to find the Alfred could be put in a State for present Service in the Course of the Day and following Night; but that the Nymphe could not. I therefore shifted the Troops, she had on board, to another Frigate, and ordered her to English Harbour, where she arrived safe. This Misfortune to the Alfred, obliged me to remove her from being the leading Ship, into the Center of my Line, and to place the St. Alban's in her Room. That Morning the look out Frigate a-head fell in with and took a very large King's Cutter of 16 Six-pounders, but Seven Months old, and commanded by a Knight of Malta: She is named L'Espion; she came from Martinique about Thirty Hours before, and was full of Shells and other Ordnance Stores. In the Afternoon the Count de Grasse quitted this Road, and kept a few Miles to Leeward of me the whole Night.

At Day-light we plainly discovered 33 Sail of the Enemy's Ships, 29 of which of Two Decks formed in a Line a-head. I made every Appearance of an Attack, which threw the Count de Grasse a little from the Shore; and as I thought I had a fair Prospect of gaining the Anchorage he left, and well knowing it was the only Chance I had of saving the Island, if it was to be saved, I pushed for it, and succeeded, by having my Rear and Part of the Center engaged.

The Enemy gave a Preference to Commodore Affleck; but he kept up so noble a Fire, and was so supported by his Seconds, Captain Cornwallis and Lord Robert Manners, that the Loss and Damages sustained in those Ships were very trifling, and they very much preserved the other Ships in the Rear. The Prudent had the Misfortune to have her Wheel shot to Pieces the first Broadside, which occasioned her Loss to exceed that of any other Ship.

Would the Event of a Battle have determined the Fate of the Island, I would, without Hesitation, have attacked the Enemy, from my Knowledge how much was to be expected from an English Squadron, commanded by Men, amongst whom is no other Contention than who should be most forward in rendering Services to his King and Country: Herein I placed the utmost Confidence, and should not, I fully trust, have been disappointed.

I anchored His Majesty's Squadron in a close Line a-head; but Commodore Affleck having acquainted me that the Bedford had driven off the Bank, I ordered her into the Van.

Next

[Price Three-Pence Halfpenny.]

Next Morning, about Eight o'Clock, I was attacked from Van to Rear, with the whole Force of the Enemy (29 Sail) for nearly Two Hours, without having the leaſt viſible Impreſſion made upon my Line. The French Ships then wore, and ſtood off again, and in the Afternoon began a ſecond Attack upon my Center and Rear, with no better Succeſs than before: Since which the Count de Graſſe has kept at a ſafe Diſtance. Many of the French Ships muſt have ſuffered very conſiderably, and the Ville de Paris was upon the Heel all the next Day, covering her Shot Holes.

By Information from the Shore, the French Ships have ſent to St. Euſtatius upwards of 1000 wounded Men.

I think my Situation perfectly ſecure here againſt the Enemy's preſent Force, ſuperior as it is; and am happy to find, by a Letter I have received from Governor Shirley, that Brimſtone Hill, to which his Excellency retired, is in the moſt perfect Security. I have not a Thought of moving, and think the Count de Graſſe will not venture to attack me again, unleſs he ſhould attempt ſomething by Fire-Veſſels, which I am prepared againſt as much as poſſible: If therefore Brimſtone Hill can hold out, which I have not a Doubt of, the Marquis de Bouillie, (who landed with 8000 Men upon the Iſland) as well as the Count de Graſſe, will, I think, be glad to retire. When I ſent an Officer to Brimſtone Hill, he was accompanied by one from General Preſcott, (who embarked with the 28th Regiment, and two Companies of the 13th, from Antigua, at my Requeſt, knowing well Brimſtone Hill and every Part of the Iſland) who brought the following Meſſage from that brave old Soldier General Fraſer: "That as "he had taken the Trouble to come with Troops to "his Aſſiſtance, he ſhould doubtleſs be glad of the "Honor of ſeeing him; but that he was in no "Want of him or his Troops." Upon my being made acquainted with this ſpirited Meſſage from General Fraſer, I propoſed to General Preſcott his taking a Poſt on Shore in the Vicinity of Baſſe-Terre, and offered to land two Battalions of Marines, of 700 each, Rank and File, with the 69th Regiment, which, with the 28th Regiment, and the two Companies of the 13th, would make a Body of 2400 Men: His Anſwer was, He did not think it practicable to maintain a Poſt, but was ſanguine in his Wiſhes to be put on Shore, with his Antigua Troops and the 69th Regiment. They were accordingly landed on the 28th, immediately got into Action, and drove the Enemy with conſiderable Loſs. He remained on Shore all Night, and next Morning the Marquis de Bouillie appeared at the Head of upwards of 4000 Men; but not caring to attack General Preſcott, on a Hill he poſſeſſed juſt to the Eaſtward of Frigate Bay, where he landed, led his Troops back to his Encampment under Brimſtone Hill: And as it then appeared to me, that no ſolid Purpoſe could be anſwered by the Continuance of our Troops on Shore, I ſubmitted it to the General's Conſideration, whether it would not be adviſeable to reimbark, and he readily concurring, all were taken off that Evening without the Loſs of a Man. The General had about Forty killed and wounded in his Skirmiſh with the Iriſh Brigade.

General Skeene landed with the 69th Regiment, and had his full Share in putting the Enemy to the Rout.

All Communication being now cut off with Brimſtone Hill, I thought it expedient, as did the General alſo, to ſend him and the Antigua Troops back, and they ſailed in the Convert and Fortune on the 1ſt inſtant.

On that Day the Tiſiphone joined me, and I propoſe ſhall return to England with an Account of the Situation of Things here, which I think of Importance their Lordſhips ſhould know.

I ſend the Copy of my Line of Battle, and an Account of the killed and wounded. I have much Pleaſure in telling you His Majeſty's Ships under my Command are very immaterially injured in their Maſts and Yards, perfectly healthy, and the People in the higheſt Spirits.

The Count de Graſſe appears one Day with 32 Two-decked Ships (the whole of the preſent Force in this Country) and another with only 29, ſo that I imagine two or three are conſtantly watering at Old Road.

THE following are Copies of Sir Samuel Hood's Line of Battle, and of his Accounts of the Number of Officers and Men killed and wounded in each of the Ships under his Command.

LINE OF BATTLE.

The St. Alban's to lead on the Starboard, and the America on the Larboard Tack.

Frigates.	Rate.	Ships.	Commanders.	Guns.	Men.	Diviſion.
	3d	St. Alban's	Captain Inglis	64	500	
	—	Alcide	——— Thompſon	74	600	
	—	Intrepid	——— Molloy	64	500	
	—	Torbay	——— Gidoin	74	600	Francis Samuel Drake,
Eurydice to repeat.	—	Princeſſa	Rear-Admiral Drake / Captain Knatchbull	70	577	Eſq; Rear-Admiral of the Blue, &c.
	2d	Prince George	——— Williams	96	750	
	3d	Ajax	——— Charrington	74	550	
La Nymphe.	—	Prince William	——— Wilkinſon	64	500	
Gros Iſlet Schooner.	—	Shrewſbury	——— Knight	74	600	
	—	Invincible	——— Saxton	74	600	
Champion to repeat.	2d	Barfleur	Sir Samuel Hood, Bt. / Captain Hood	90	767	Sir Samuel Hood Bt,
	3d	Monarch	——— Reynolds	74	600	Rear-Admiral of the Blue, &c.
Expedition, Schooner.	—	Belliqueux	Rt. Hon. Lord Cranſloun	64	500	
	—	Centaur	Captain Inglefield	74	650	
	—	Alfred	——— Bayne	74	600	
	—	Ruſſel	——— Stanhope	74	600	
	—	Reſolution	Rt. Hon. Ld. R. Manners	74	600	
Solebay to repeat.	—	Bedford	Commodore Affleck / Captain Graves	74	617	Edmund Affleck, Eſq;
	—	Canada	Hon. Wm. Cornwallis	74	600	Commodore, &c.
Sybil.	—	Prudent	Captain Barclay	64	500	
	—	Montagu	——— Bowen	74	600	
	—	America	——— Thompſon	64	500	

All Accidental Frigates to be to Windward of the Center Diviſion.

Given under my Hand, on Board His Majeſty's Ship Barfleur, at Sea, January 24, 1782, 8 A.M. HOOD.

Return of Killed and Wounded on Board His Majesty's Ships under-mentioned, in Action with the French Fleet on the 25th and 26th of January, 1782.

Ships Names.	Killed	Wounded
St. Alban's,	0	0
Alcide,	2	4
Intrepid,	2	0
Torbay,	0	0
Princeſſa,	2	4
Prince George,	1	3
Ajax,	1	12
Prince William,	0	3
Shrewſbury,	3	7
Invincible,	0	2
Barfleur,	9	24
Monarch,	2	2
Belliqueux,	5	7
Centaur,	0	12
Alfred,	2	20
Ruſſel,	8	29
Reſolution,	5	11
Bedford,	2	15
Canada,	1	12
Prudent,	18	36
Montagu,	7	23
America,	1	17
Champion,	1	1
Total	72	244

Officers killed.

Mr. Charles Martin, Maſter of the Reſolution.
Mr. John Chartes, Maſter of the Prudent.

Officers wounded.

Lieutenant Elliot, of the Ajax.
Lieutenant Forſter, of Marines, Centaur.
Lieutenant Patey, of the Montagu.
Mr. Raven, Maſter of the Montagu.
Captain Strickland, of Marines, Prudent.
Lieutenant Griffiths, of Marines, Prudent.

SAM. HOOD.

Return of Killed and Wounded of His Majeſty's 69th Regiment, on the 28th of January, 1782.

Killed. Captain Roſs, 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File.
Wounded. Captain Cunningham, Lieutenants Brown and Clark, Enſign Chambers, 1 Serjeant, 21 Rank and File.

SAM. HOOD.

FOR SALE,

BY *Order of the Honourable the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in the Long Room at the Cuſtom-Houſe, London, on Thurſday the 14th of March, 1782, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in Lots of 5, 6, 8, and 10 Hhds. each.*

SUGARS.

H.	T.	B.	
53	22	0	Antigua.
91	47	76	St. Kitts.
110	0	2	Tortola.

Samples to be viewed in Wycherley's-yard, oppoſite Bear Quay, on Tueſday the 12th, Wedneſday the 13th, and Thurſday the 14th, of March.

East-India-Houſe, March 9, 1782.

WHereas in Purſuance of the 38th Bye-Law of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, it is ordained, "That a Liſt ſhall "be publiſhed, Fourteen Days before the Annual "Election of Directors, containing the Names of "ſuch Proprietors, qualified agreeable to Law, as "ſhall ſignify in Writing to the Secretary their Deſire "of becoming Candidates for the Direction, Sixteen "Days before ſuch Annual Election:" The Court of Directors of the ſaid Company do hereby give Notice, in order that the Proprietors may conform to the ſaid Bye-Law, That the enſuing Election of Six Directors of the ſaid Company for Four Years is appointed for the 19th Day of April next; and that ſuch Liſt will be publiſhed Fourteen Days before the ſaid Election, as the above-mentioned Bye-Law directs.

London, March 12, 1782.

DRAFTS LOST

YESTERDAY Afternoon out of a Clerk's Pocket, in going from Jeffries-ſquare to the Monument-yard, and from thence to White-hart-court, Three Drafts, drawn by Joſeph Deniſon and Co. dated March 11, 1782, to Slater or Bearer, for

£500
200 } on Welch, Rogers, and Olding.
150

Whoever has found the ſaid Three Drafts ſhall receive TEN GUINEAS Reward on delivering them to Meſſ. Welch, Rogers, and Olding, Bankers, No. 80, Cornhill.

N. B. As Payment is ſtopped, the ſaid Drafts can be of no Uſe to any Perſon.

London Tavern, Biſhopſgate-ſtreet, March 4, 1782.

LAFOREST and Co. of the London Tavern, moſt reſpectfully beg Leave to inform the Public in General, that Mr. Thomas Simpkin, their late Partner, has this Day, by mutual Conſent, quitted the Partnerſhip; and that the Buſineſs will in future be carried on under the Firm of Laforeſt, Son, and Bleaden, who are authoriſed to receive all Debts due to the late Partnerſhip, and who requeſt that if there are any Demands upon them undiſcharged, they may be brought in for immediate Payment.

Law. Laforeſt.
Thomas Simpkin.
William Laforeſt.
John Bleaden.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Relations of Mrs. Honora Jenkins, late of Skelton near the City of York, deceaſed, by her Mother's Side, not being more diſtant from her in Blood than Second Couſins, are forthwith to come in and prove their Affinity before John Ord, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-inn, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors (if any) of Mrs. Honora Jenkins, late of Skelton near the City of York, deceaſed, are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts before John Ord, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-inn, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt John Billing the Younger, of Wing in the County of Rutland, Maltſter, Dealer and Chapman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of his Eſtate and Effects, on Thurſday the 22ſt Day of March inſtant, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Crown Inn, in Oakham aforeſaid, to aſſent to or diſſent from their commencing, proſecuting, or defending, one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the Eſtate and Effects of the ſaid Bankrupt; or to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt William Maſon, late of the Borough of Leiceſter in the County of Leiceſter, Wool-ſtapler, and now of the Newark near the ſaid Borough, Wool-ſtapler, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 22d and 23d Days of March inſtant, and on the 23d Day of April next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon on each Day, at Mr. Barry's, known by the Sign of the Lion and Lamb in Leiceſter aforeſaid, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Carter, Attorney, in Leiceſter.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued againſt William Clowes, of Conduit-ſtreet in the Pariſh of St. George Hanover-ſquare in the County of Middleſex, Warehouſeman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 16th and 21ſt Days of March inſtant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, and on the 23d Day of April next, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chooſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Thomas Holloway, Bream's-buildings, Chancery-lane.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Samuel Sadler, of Macclesfield in the County of Cheſter, Innholder, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 15th Day of April next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, and on the 16th and 23d Days of the ſame Month at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Houſe of Mr. Stedman, the Queen's Head, in Macclesfield, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required